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In the Application of:

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EXAMINER: C. SHOSHO

FOR: WATER INSOLUBLE NON-IONIC GRAFT
COPOLYMERS

RESPONSE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

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Sir:

This "Amendment and Response" is submitted in connection with the Applicants' "Request for Continued Examination" under 37 C.F.R. §1.114, and is in response to the Final Office Action dated May 15, 2001.

Please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please delete claims 6-12 without prejudice to the Applicants.

Please add new claims 13-23 as follows:

--13.(NEW) An aqueous coating composition comprising:

B' (a) an aqueous vehicle comprising water and at least one organic co-solvent, wherein water comprises no more than 80% by weight of the total weight of the vehicle, and wherein the co-solvent is water-soluble or water-miscible so as to form a single phase vehicle with water;

(b) a pigment dispersion comprising a pigment and a polymeric dispersant, and

(c) a film-forming, non-ionic graft copolymer binder comprising a hydrophobic backbone and non-ionic, hydrophilic side chains, said side chains having a number average molecular weight of at least 500, wherein the graft copolymer is soluble in the vehicle but substantially insoluble in water.--